

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 209466  
ORIGIN EA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 L-03 PM-05 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00  
OES-09 HEW-04 /044 R

DRAFTED BY EA/ROC:DEPARADIS:ARCK/SJP  
APPROVED BY EA:RWSULLIVAN  
EA/ROC:DGBROWN  
EA/ROC:HJFELDMAN  
L/EA:SORLINS (DRAFT)  
EA/PHL:JCMONJO (DRAFT)  
DOD/NMRDC:DR. JRSCHMIDT (DRAFT)  
DOD/ISA:MAJ. MCCALLUM (DRAFT)  
EA/EX - D. A. WETHERBEE

-----019739 181025Z /11

R 172209Z AUG 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI  
AMEMBASSY MANILA  
INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA  
CINCPAC HONOLULU HAWAII 0000  
SECDEF WASHDC 0000

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 209466

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, PEPR, TW, US

SUBJECT: FUTURE OF NAMRU-2

REFS: A) STATE 72272 (NOTAL); B) TAIPEI 1341 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: NAVAL MEDICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMAND  
HAS PROPOSED EXTENDING NAMRU-2 AGREEMENT FOR ONE YEAR,  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 209466

UNTIL OCTOBER 14, 1979, DURING WHICH TIME THE UNIT'S  
ACTIVITIES ON TAIWAN WOULD BE TERMINATED AND TRANSFERRED  
TO THE PHILIPPINES. END SUMMARY.

1. THE SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY HAS APPROVED A  
"CONCEPT PAPER" ON THE FUTURE OF NAMRU-2 SUBMITTED BY  
THE NAVAL MEDICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMAND (NMRDC),

UNDER WHICH NAMRU-2 FALLS. THE APPROVAL WILL NOT BE FINAL UNTIL CONFIRMED BY CNO AND JCS. THE CONCEPT PAPER CARRIES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NAMRU-2'S FUTURE WHICH ARE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE HAD EXPECTED IN MARCH (SEE REFTEL A). THE SALIENT POINTS IN THE PAPER ARE THAT (1) NAMRU-2 AGREEMENT SHOULD BE EXTENDED FOR ONE REPEAT ONE YEAR; (2) DURING THE COURSE OF FY 1979 NAMRU-2 ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE GRADUALLY TRANSFERRED TO THE PHILIPPINES; (3) THE PHASING OUT OF NAMRU-2 IN TAIWAN WOULD BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 14, 1979. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN THESE PROPOSALS.

2. NARDC CONCEPT PAPER NOTES THAT PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS IN TAIWAN IN RECENT YEARS HAVE RESULTED IN A MAJOR DIMINUTION IN THE PRESENCE ON THE ISLAND OF DISEASES WHICH POSE A THREAT TO U.S. MILITARY OPERATIONS. CONSEQUENTLY, IN RECENT YEARS THE PERCENTAGE OF NAMRU-2'S PROGRAM CONDUCTED OUTSIDE THE ROC HAS INCREASED, AND TODAY THE MAJORITY OF THE UNIT'S FIELD WORK IS CONDUCTED IN THE PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA WITH SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE BASE LABORATORY IN TAIPEI. "IT HAS BEEN APPARENT FOR SEVERAL YEARS....," THE PAPER STATES, "THAT IT IS NO LONGER DESIRABLE, COST-EFFECTIVE OR LOGISTICALLY EFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN A SUPPORT FACILITY IN TAIPEI."

3. THE CONCEPT PAPER PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING PLAN OF ACTION:  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 209466

---EXTEND EXISTING TAIWAN AGREEMENT JUL-SEPT. 78

---TERMINATE EMPLOYMENT OF TAIPEI STAFF  
NOT REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM AFTER FY 78 OCT. 78

---ESTABLISH MANILA DETACHMENT; TRANSFER  
INITIAL AMERICAN STAFF SEPT.-OCT.78

---CONVERT DETACHMENT TO COMMAND STATUS;  
TRANSFER FISCAL, SUPPLY, PER FUNCTIONS APR. 79

---TERMINATE EMPLOYMENT OR REMAINDER OF  
TAIPEI STAFF OCT. 79

---TOTAL NAMRU-2 ABSENCE FROM TAIPEI 14 OCT. 79

COPY OF CONCEPT PAPER BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY TAIPEI  
AND MANILA, ATTENTION POL.

4. FOR MANILA: CONCEPT PAPER STATES THAT ,BOTH THE  
SECRETARY OF HEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE U.S.

AMBASSADOR HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR AN ENLARGED NAMRU-2 OPERATION IN MANILA., IF EMBASSY MANILA FORSEES ANY DIFFICULTIES IN IMPLEMENTING ABOVE-MENTIONED PLAN OF ACTION, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING EMBASSY'S RESERVATIONS AND COMMENTS SOONEST.

5. FOR TAIPEI: IN CONSULTATION WITH NAMRU-2 COMMANDER, EMBASSY TAIPEI SHOULD NOW CONTACT MOFA AND INITIATE PROCESS FOR EXTENDING NAMRU AGREEMENT FOR ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR. EMBASSY SHOULD STATE THAT NAMRU-2 INTENDS TO TRANSFER ITS ACTIVITIES TO MANILA DURING THIS FINAL YEAR OF OPERATION AND EXPLAIN NAMRU'S RATIONALE FOR DOING SO DRAWING UPON PARA 2 ABOVE. EMBASSY SHOULD ASK MOFA'S COOPERATION IN ARRANGING ONE YEAR EXTENSION AND PROVIDE CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 STATE 209466

TEXT OF FOLLOWING DRAFT U.S. DIPLOMATIC NOTE REQUESTING EXTENSION FOR MOFA'S CONSIDERATION AND COMMENT.

6. BEGIN TEXT:

"I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, EFFECTED BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES, DATED OCTOBER 14, 1955, AND EXTENDED BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES, DATED OCTOBER 14, 1975, CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL MEDICAL RESEARCH UNIT, HEREINAFTER DESIGNATED AS NAMRU-2.

"IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT, UNLESS EXTENDED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OR UNLESS THE NAMRU-2 RESEARCH PROJECT IS ABANDONED BY THE UNITED STATES OR DISCONTINUED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS SHALL BE EXTENDED FOR ONE YEAR FROM OCTOBER 14, 1978.

"UPON RECEIPT OF A NOTE FROM YOUR EXCELLENCY ACCEPTING THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL CONSIDER THAT THIS NOTE AND YOUR EXCELLENCY'S REPLY CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS." END TEXT.

7. PLEASE REPORT MOFA'S COMMENTS PROMPTLY.

8. FYI: ALTHOUGH WE EXPECT TO TERMINATE NAMRU-2 OPERATIONS ON TAIWAN, AND THE AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR THOSE OBJECTIVES, BY OCTOBER 14, 1979, THE DRAFT NOTE ALLOWS US THE OPTION OF EXTENDING THEM FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 05 STATE 209466

TIME, SHOULD THAT PROVE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

9. DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THAT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH (NIH) IS IN THE PROCESS OF EXTENDING FOR THREE YEARS ITS CONTRACT FOR HEPATITIS RESEARCH ON TAIWAN. PART OF THIS RESEARCH IS PRESENTLY CONDUCTED IN NAMRU-2 FACILITIES. WE HAVE POINTED OUT TO NIH THAT THESE FACILITIES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AFTER NAMRU-2 TERMINATES ITS ACTIVITIES ON TAIWAN. NIH STATES THAT IT'S CONTRACTOR WILL TAKE STEPS TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS SO THAT ITS HEPATITIS RESEARCH CAN CONTINUE ON TAIWAN AFTER THE UNIT'S CLOSURE. END FYI. VANCE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** AGREEMENTS, MEDICAL RESEARCH  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 17 aug 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978STATE209466  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** DEPARADIS:ARCK/SJP  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780337-1361  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780852/aaaabrex.tel  
**Line Count:** 187  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** c90d7061-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN EA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 4  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 STATE 72272, 78 TAIPEI 1341  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 04 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1705211  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** FUTURE OF NAMRU-2  
**TAGS:** MILI, PEPR, TW, US, NAMRU-2  
**To:** TAIPEI MANILA  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/c90d7061-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014